

vocab lesson 10--More Words You Need to Know

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. Some of the answers will not be used. Use a dictionary to find the definitions. For those definitions that are used, write the part of speech in the blank next to each definition. Three of the part of speech blanks will be blank.

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| ___ 1. alacrity | A. _____ dirty, base | L. _____ to sneer at |
| ___ 2. disdain | B. _____ quarrelsome | M. _____ a type of metal |
| ___ 3. pugnacious | C. _____ having actual form | |
| ___ 4. promulgate | D. _____ contempt | N. _____ to correct by punishing |
| ___ 5. brash | E. _____ jagged wound or cut | |
| ___ 6. scoff | F. _____ worry | |
| ___ 7. tangible | G. _____ impudent | |
| ___ 8. laceration | H. _____ punishment | |
| ___ 9. castigate | J. _____ to make known officially; to declare publicly | |
| ___ 10. sordid | K. _____ briskness, lively action | |

II. Fill in the Blank. Fill in the blank in each sentence with one word from the list below. You will use each word only once. You might have to use a form of the word.

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21. We begged the faculty advisor to _____ the requirements for the presidency of the club.
22. The waiter moved with _____ because he perceived they were big tippers.
23. I don't understand modern art, but I neither loathe nor _____ at it.
24. The medic reached into his kit to find a bandage for the ugly _____.
25. The kindly foreman was too nice to openly _____ the clumsy new worker.
26. When the curtain fell, the critic's face registered the _____ she felt for the boring play.
27. For some strange reason, my mother liked the salesman's _____ personality, even though most people were irritated by it.
28. Stories of their _____ youth poured forth from the unhappy felons.
29. As _____ evidence of the attack, Chester pointed to the cast on his right arm.
30. Since everyone can outpunch Fred, he cannot afford to be _____.

III. Antonyms. In the blank, write the vocab word which is the OPPOSITE of each word below.

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| 31. _____ peaceful | 36. _____ unbroken skin |
| 32. _____ love & friendship | 37. _____ accept warmly |
| 33. _____ abstract | 38. _____ pleasant and easygoing |
| 34. _____ ignore a wrongdoing | 39. _____ keep hidden and secret |
| 35. _____ morally honorable | 40. _____ slow and surly |

IV. Synonyms. In the blank, write the vocab word which means the SAME THING as each word below.

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41. _____ proclaim 46. _____ cut
42. _____ laugh at 47. _____ unpleasantly pushy
43. _____ cheerful quickness 48. _____ ready to fight
44. _____ dishonorable 49. _____ concrete
45. _____ scorn 50. _____ scold

V. Short Story. You will use each term only once to complete the following story. Write your answer in the space provided. You might have to use a form of the word.

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When the bell sounded, K.O. Mullins responded with 51. _____. He sprang from his stool and charged across the ring, showing 52. _____ for the champion's strength. The champ, however, laid him low with one quick uppercut, and the fight was over.

The 53. _____ K.O. Mullins demanded a rematch. He took a full-page newspaper advertisement to 54. _____ his challenge. When the champ's manager saw the 55. _____ announcement, he accosted Mullins who was surrounded by a throng of newsmen. The manager openly 56. _____ at Mullins and made disparaging remarks about his fighting ability. Mullins then lost his temper and fearlessly punched the manager, knocking him from his wheelchair.

The irate, 80-year-old manager pressed charges against K.O. Mullins, suing him for assault. As 57. _____ evidence of the attack, he pointed to a deep 58. _____ over his eyebrow. (It had required ten stitches.) When the case was brought before the court, the judge 59. _____ Mullins for the 60. _____ incident. In addition to a costly financial settlement, Mullins was required to make a public apology to the octogenarian.